

# SHADE TREE A'S

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### On the Cover

The Shade Tree A's were joined by members of the Live Oak A's, Lowcountry Model A Ford Club, the Old 96 District Model A Club and the Palmetto A's of South Carolina for a tour to Edgefield, South Carolina for International Model A Ford Day.

## SHADE TREE A'S MODEL A CLUB



The Shade Tree A's Model A Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and the restoration of the Model A Ford automobile. Shade Tree A's annual dues are only \$25. Members are urged to join the Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA, \$50 annual dues) and the Model A Restorer's Club (MARC, \$45 annual dues) to enjoy the benefits of these national organizations including their respective magazines: *The Restorer* (MAFCA) and *Model A News* (MARC). The Shade Tree A's club is also a member of MAFFI, the Model "A" Ford Foundation, Inc.



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# OFF THE RUNNING BOARD

*Matt Barrett - President*

Greetings fellow club members 🤠

If you missed our Tour to Edgefield, South Carolina you missed one of the best organized tours I have ever been on. Eighteen Model A's made the complete tour without a "roadside technical session" - in other words, NO BREAKDOWNS 🎉 The only incident was when one car's rear fender was bent crossing a ditch. Many 🙏 thanks go to the countless hours spent by your club board, and especially Dan Perla, planning an almost flawless tour. The Friday night meal was said by all attending to be delicious. The street signs with the arrows giving us directions were a great addition - no one got lost this time 😊 All in all, this was a near-perfect Tour and we need to replicate it next year.

On Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Aiken Model A Club has invited our club to their annual picnic at the Odell Weeks Center on Whiskey Rd. We will assemble our cars for this tour at my house at 611 Scotts Way in Waverly about 9:30 AM and leave no later than 10:00 AM. Bring a dish to share and everything else will be provided by the AMA. This should be great fun - so don't miss this one.

Our club has also been invited again this November 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Lincolnton Pioneer Days. Please mark your calendar. We need to leave Richard's about 9:00 AM to arrive about 10:00 AM. We need to be on time so we can get our cars registered and lined up for the judging. The earlier we're in line, the better chance one of us has to win the People's Choice Award 🏆🏆🏆

Once again our Christmas 🎄 Party will be on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Jack Sheppard's Country Store on Chamblin Road in

Grovetown. We had forty people attend last year and I hope this year will be even bigger since it's on a weekend.

Now that the weather is getting cooler, get out and drive those A's!!! They're ready to get out of the garage and on the road 🚗☐

Your president,  
Matt Barrett

## MEETING MINUTES

*September 9, 2019*

*Richard's Garage*

*Respectfully submitted: Frank Knapp – Secretary*

The monthly meeting of the Shade Tree A's was held September 9, 2019 in the clubhouse meeting room at Richard Dunevent's garage. President Matt brought the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 P.M. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

Name tag cup: Richard Dunevent was the only contributor.

Both President Matt and our resident "jokester" Jim Dover offered "jokes of the month". Matt's offering was somewhat risqué so the XXX content will not be repeated in our official minutes!

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# MEETING MINUTES

*Continued*

### Treasurer's Report:

Dan Perla reported the only expenses paid during the last two months were \$23.09 for signage to be used for directions during our upcoming IMAFD Tour. Deposits included \$120.00 in July and \$73.00 in August. Thanks, Dan.

A motion was made from the floor to accept the Treasurer's Report. That motion received a second and passed by unanimous vote.

### National Director:

Jim McPherson remarked the September/October issue of *The Restorer* should be on the way and reminded all to be on the lookout. It was also noted that Dan Perla and Walter Smith both celebrate 25 years of MAFCA membership. Congratulations!

### Newsletter Editor:

Robbie Jones reminded the group that nominations are being accepted for this year's Monroe Wade Award. Names can be submitted to Robbie, Frank Knapp, Curtis Krosting or Betty Wade for consideration. All nominations must be in no later than our November meeting.

### Under Show & Tell.

Don Turley announced he has several extra "lapel" pens depicting various Model A body styles available for sale. Anyone interested, contact Don.

### Under Old Business:

Dan Perla reported registrations have been somewhat slow coming in for our upcoming IMAFD tour to Edgefield, S.C. on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. However, he is expecting a good turnout with several entries planning to register upon arrival.

Jim McPherson updated info concerning the Friday night Welcome Dinner for all participants and Craig McMullan mentioned an excellent article has been published in the Edgefield newspaper. According to Craig, ad posters have been placed in several local retail stores and Model A parking will be provided.

Big thanks to Craig for acting as liaison between our club and the Edgefield city officials!

### Under New business:

Vice President Darrell appealed to the members to bring any ideas for future Technical Programs to him ASAP. As of this writing, there are no volunteers for October or November according to Darrell.

### Technical Program:

Once again, Dan Perla presented another excellent MAFFI movie on "Alternate Uses of the Model A Ford". Some of the highlights included The Smith Compressor and various conversion kits available in the thirties for tractors and other service vehicles. The video also mentioned several adaptations of the Model A engine for everything from boats to airplanes. A brief discussion followed. Thanks Dan!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

No refreshments were served.

### MONTHLY MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Richard Dunevent's garage, 4338 Owens Road, Evans, GA. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM and are followed by refreshments.

LOOKING AHEAD

Club Calendar

October

- 5 Aiken A's Annual Picnic, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, H. O. Weeks/Virginia Acres Park, Aiken, SC
- 9-12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA
- 14 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program TBA)

November

- 1, 2 & 3 Richland Creek Antique Fall Festival
- 11 Shade Tree A's Meeting, 7:00 PM, Richard's garage  
(Technical Program TBA)
- 23 Lincoln County Pioneer Day

December

- TBA Shade Tree A's Annual Christmas Party

TBA - To Be Announced

October Refreshments



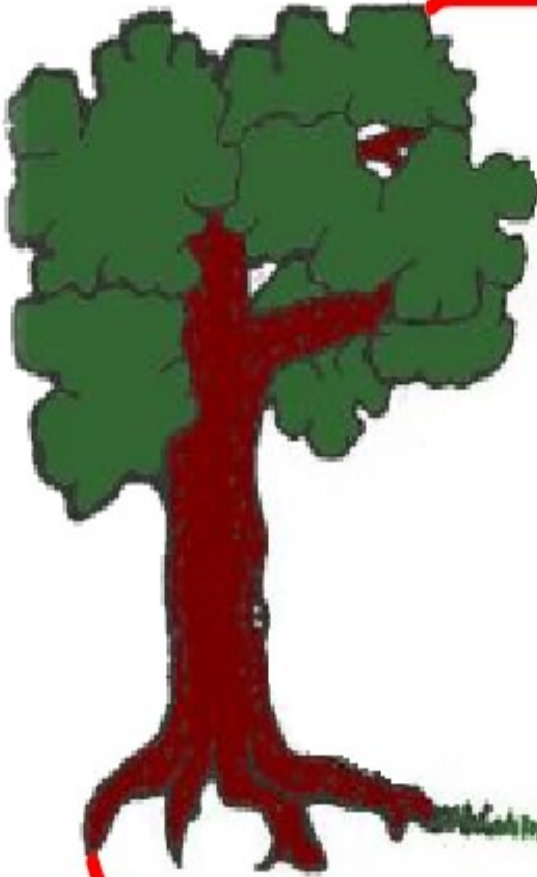
Craig McMullin  
Robbie Jones  
Stuart Smith

October Birthdays



- 2 Leslie Holley
- 3 Shelby Deitz
- 5 Anne Neely Beck
- 7 Syble Henderson
- 8 Suzanne Gordon
- 8 Jim McPherson
- 14 Andrew Morse
- 17 Hilde Dover
- 17 Leta Jones
- 25 Sheila Wilson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Shade Tree A's Member News

- Congratulations to Dan Perla and Walter Smith for 25 years of MAFCA membership!

*Send items for Shade Tree A's Member News to:  
newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org*

### Monthly Technical Program

Got an idea for a technical program for presentation at a monthly meeting?

Got a topic you would like discussed during a monthly technical program?

Do you want to volunteer to present a technical program?

If so, contact Darrell Henderson at [vp@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:vp@ShadeTreeAs.org) or 706-863-1673

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Aiken Model A's Annual Picnic**

The Aiken Model A's is having our annual picnic/anniversary celebration

**Saturday, October 5  
O'Dell Weeks picnic pavilion  
1700 Whiskey Road, Aiken, South Carolina  
11AM to 2 PM**

We'd love to have the Shade Tree A's join us.

**Some details:**

**Come rain or shine.**

**We may display our antique cars along the walking track adjacent to the pavilion, all other cars need to be parked in the parking lot. You may drop off heavy items before parking. Keep in mind that this is a walking track and watch out for pedestrians.**

**Drinks, plates, cups, napkins and eating utensils will be provided.**

**Chicken nuggets will be provided.**

**Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. (How much to bring? Pretend that you and your guests will be eating only what you bring-as their entire meal- and bring just a little more.)**

**Please feel free to invite others, especially antique car owners or potential members.**

**Please bring serving utensils.**

**Bring folding chairs for socializing at the car display area.**

**Hoping for cooler weather!**

**Call Rachel for more information:  
803-508-4744**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2019 Monroe Wade Award Nominations

The Monroe Wade Award honors a current Shade Tree A's member who promotes and encourages the furtherance of the Model A hobby. The member can have accomplished this in any of the ways listed below:

1. A Club member who goes out of his or her way to help other members repair or maintain their Model A's.
2. A Club member who:
  - a. Writes an outstanding article for the Shade Tree A's Newsletter regarding repair and restoration, or who brings to light new information about the Model A.
  - b. Presents an outstanding program regarding repair and restoration or who provides new information about the Model A at a Club meeting.
3. A Club member who shows dedication to the Model A hobby and to the Club by:
  - a. Driving his or her Model A on a substantial number of Club tours and events.
  - b. Driving his or her Model A great distances, demonstrating that the Model A is not only fun but a worthy means of transportation.
  - c. Is an outstanding representative of the Shade Tree A's at national meets and tours or local community events, thus serving as a Shade Tree A's club ambassador.

Club members may nominate any member in good standing by **submitting the member's name and a short paragraph with their reasons for nominating the member**. The winner will be announced at the annual Christmas meeting. The award winner's name will be added to a permanent plaque located at the Club's meeting place and a second plaque will be given to the winner.

The winner will be chosen by a committee that includes Betty Wade, Monroe's wife. You may give your nomination to one of the committee members: Robbie Jones, Frank Knapp or Curtis Krosting. All nominations must be received **not later than the November meeting** (November 11, 2019) to be considered.



## RECENT EVENTS

# Shade Tree A's International Model A Ford Day Driving Tour to Edgefield, South Carolina

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Photos by Robbie Jones

The Shade Tree A's hosted their Third Annual International Model A Day Driving Tour. The tour began with a dinner at Richard's garage on Friday night. Saturday morning, we left Evans, Georgia and toured backroads through Georgia and South Carolina on the way to our destination of beautiful and historic Edgefield, South Carolina. Along the way we crossed Thurmond Dam at Clarks Hill, South Carolina where we stopped to visit the Visitors Center. We then traveled to Plum Branch, South Carolina where Shade Tree A's member Henry Jones had his antique car collection on display. He also arranged for other local automobile collectors to display their cars. After leaving Henry's house we traveled on to Edgefield, South Carolina where Shade Tree A's member Craig McMullin arranged for us to park around the town square. The town of Edgefield includes many places for lunch and local shops displaying local artisan's works. Happy Begg from the Palmetto A's of South Carolina had the highest hand in the poker run event. A big thank you to all involved in organizing a great tour this year.



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Driving Tour to Edgefield, South Carolina

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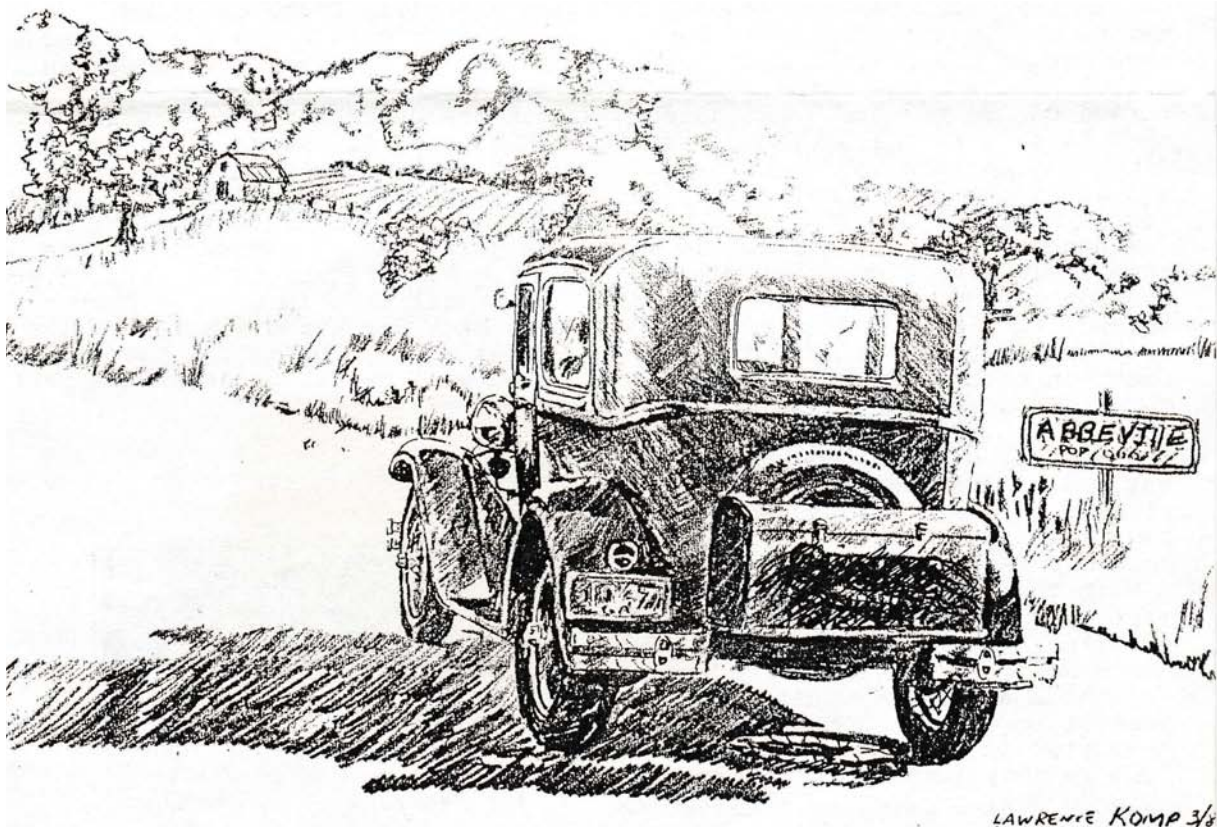


## THE SHADE TREE A'S – THIRTY YEARS AGO



The 1985-2005 Shade Tree A's newsletters are now available on the Shade Tree A's website. They can be accessed via the same "button" as the other newsletters, but they are password protected. The same password used to access the member roster is used to access the newsletters. Thank you Dan Perla for scanning these and posting on the website.

The October 1989 issue of the Shade Tree A's Newsletter had more details about the upcoming tour to Abbeville, South Carolina. The play at the theater was scheduled to be Dracula! Plans were also discussed for upcoming Christmas parades in Grovetown, Harlem and Thomson. Also on the calendar of events was the Fall Arts and Crafts festival at Po Folks on Washington Road (remember Po Folks?).



## TECHNICAL TOPICS

### And the Model A Ford Kept Rambling Right Along

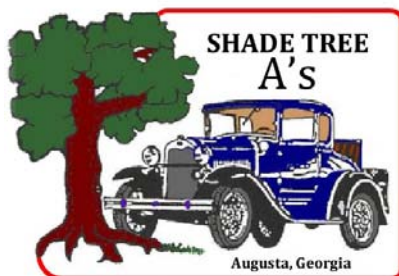
By Jim McPherson

*This column contains maintenance, diagnostic, and technical tips to aid you in keeping your Model A on the road and operating at peak performance. I have stolen this information from a variety of sources, including forums, websites, books, publications, and discussions with fellow Model A owners.*

Before we take a look at other gasket materials and their use, there are a few tips I forgot earlier. For metal clad gaskets, it is advisable to soak them in warm water overnight before use. They will swell to some extent and you will get a better seal. You never know the age of the gasket you are using. Even gaskets just bought from your favorite parts supplier may be old, so soak all clad gaskets before use. And yes, you can reuse clad metal gaskets, even head gaskets. Just soak them in warm water overnight and reuse as you normally would. This assumes the gasket was not harmed or damaged during removal. Not all Model A head gaskets are the same. Many are looking for specific gaskets for their Model A engine because of differences in bore size or the use of oversize valves. Many are looking for older FelPro gaskets from a specific manufacturing run. They are clearly marked. Another tip is for the use of the "rope" seal used at the front of the oil pan and timing cover, to seal the crankshaft pulley. Keep several of these soaking in a jar of motor oil, ready to use.



Through the 1960's a tan colored paper called vegetable fiber was the standard gasket material. WG5 is the modern replacement for gaskets 1/32" and thinner. For gaskets thicker than 1/16" use Interface RN8011, and for cork gaskets use Neoprene-cork CR20, available in varying thicknesses. While this is far superior to the old cork gasket, some prefer the cork gasket for the Model A gas gauge. The use of neoprene gaskets for this application is not advised. For cork gaskets, make sure not to over tighten the bolts. Doing so may create voids between the bolts or splitting of the gasket, resulting in a leak. For all these gasket materials, make sure there are no sharp edges in the parts being assembled and there are no warped flanges. These could result in gasket puncture or voids, resulting gasket failure and a leak.



### DON'T FORGET

The year is quickly drawing to a close, so remember to pay your Shade Tree A's dues to Dan Perla as soon as possible.

Also, don't forget your national MAFCA and MARC dues.

### Member Advertisements


Deadline for submittal – 20<sup>th</sup> of the month – Send submittals to [newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org](mailto:newsletter@ShadeTreeAs.org)

- Original Model A Instruction Books (Owner's Manual). Prices based on condition, \$25 to \$195. Don Turley, Call 706-863-4867, leave a message and I will return your call. Or email [don@donturley.com](mailto:don@donturley.com)

- Engine stand, \$35, Robbie Jones



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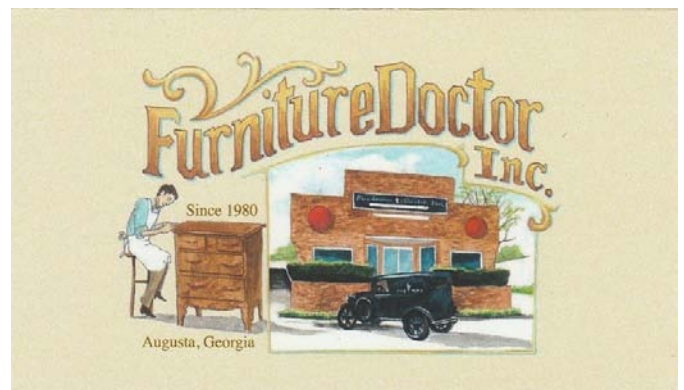
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